

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Colonel Mike Mills, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Drainage Dept. Director Tom Cannon, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:04a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 – Cynthia Thomas and Romonda McDonald re: Church gathering permit for April, 2007 thru November, 2007

Ms. Thomas addressed the board regarding their church gathering to be held Saturdays and Sundays from now until November 2007.

Mr. Toran asked if any street closings would be needed.

Ms. Thomas said it would not.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Wendell Roark re: street closing of alley behind his home at 213 Olive Ave.

Mr. Roark stated that on April 21 he will be having an auction behind his house from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and he would like to close the alley.

Mr. Denison moved to approve the request, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Item #3 - 7th Day Adventist Church re: Solicitors permit

Mr. Toran stated that the 7th day Adventist has requested a permit for the rest of the year.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the request, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #4 - Resolution for New Albany Fire Fighter hiring procedure

Mayor Garner addressed the board and stated that they have before them a resolution for the hiring of Firefighters. He stated that the current ordinance is inconsistent and the State Statute says that the Board of Works is the body to make the decision for what the hiring policy will be.

Mr. Toran asked the Clerk to read the Resolution.

Ms. Wisman read the resolution which is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Gibson if he said this was the first time that the board had passed standards.

Mr. Gibson stated that from his research there was no set process in the past but according to the State Statute this is necessary. He explained the policy which is on file with the city clerk's office.

Mr. Hunter clarified that it is his understanding that this board has the authority for hiring, firing or to make modifications or adjustments in the policy for the fire department.

Mr. Gibson agreed and stated that it is the Fire Chief's responsibility to carry out the process.

Mr. Denison stated that he would like to echo what the Mayor and Mr. Hunter said about the resolution. He said he didn't understand why the power left the Board of Works in the first place.

Mr. Denison moved to adopt and implement the hiring policy as presented, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Chief Harl presented the final draft of the new police patch.

Mr. Toran explained that there was a panel made up of him, Bob Duesch, and Jeff Gahan and they picked out a new patch for the department. He said they had a contest and 20 patches were presented to them and they picked the winning design was from John Tucker.

Mr. Hunter moved that the winning design be approved, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Chief Harl presented a contract for a service agreement for sun server for their Speilman service for their review.

Major Mike Lawrence reported that Speilman is the system they use for the reporting and communications.

Mrs. Garry stated that they have to have this and she can

Mr. Denison moved to approve the contract for \$2,764.80, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Chuck Simons stated that McDonald Lane and Mt. Tabor Road are having big problems where the sewer utility installed the new sewer lines. He discussed this with EMC but he has not heard back from them. He was wondering if they can proceed with any legal action on this.

Mr. Toran stated that he would need to discuss this with Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Toran stated the bridge on Valley View Road is getting very bad.

Mr. Hunter stated that he and Mr. Simons will contact and contractor.

Pearline Isom reported that on Friday, April 27, they would like to have their employee appreciation day and they need to close five of the parking spaces left of the handicap spaces. She stated that it will go from early in the morning until about 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Denison moved that we approve Mrs. Isom's request, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Garry reminded the board that in the past few months they have had financial institutions come before them requesting to go from department to department and they suggested that they come on employee appreciation day. She wanted to know if it was okay for her to ask them to bring cards tables and information.

Mr. Toran said he thought that was a great idea.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 13, 20 & 27 as submitted, **Mr. Denison** second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety

Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana